

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

June 28, 2005

The City of Norwalk, Department of Public Safety is requesting the use of Room 104-D, located in the Southeast Norwalk Superior Court for the purpose the room serving as a hearing room for the parents and juveniles involved in the City's intervention programs. Staff meets with approximately 5 juveniles and their parents every week. The Family Intervention team is the City of Norwalk's service that provides families, schools, and youth with needed guidance and intervention to address youth's adverse behavior pertaining to bad grades, poor school attendance, and incorrigible behavior. Resources and referrals are coordinated to effectively deal with one on one with the juveniles and parents. During these hearings, the juvenile is firmly given the consequences for any continued adverse behavior. Intervention is continued through school visits, home visits, and more hearings as needed.

Since the implementation of the Court hearings in August 2004, a total of 65 cases have been heard. Staff has confirmed that holding our juvenile/parent hearings in the environment of the Southeast Norwalk Superior court has a greater impact on minors and their parents. The impression of the court building finalizes the seriousness of the minor's actions, and the parents' responsibility to contribute in finding a solution.

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As most all minors in the program have been involved in the legal system short-term, staff lets them know that they will end up in prison long term should their adverse behavior escalate. Being at the Superior Court lends validity to the long-term consequences staff wants to illustrate.

These hearings are to take place every Thursday in Room 104-D, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Southeast Norwalk Superior Court during the Fiscal Year 2005/06, beginning on June 30, 2005 through July 1, 2006.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT** the Board waive monthly court fees in the amount of \$743 for the Fiscal Year 2005/06, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of Room 104-D located in the Southeast Norwalk Superior Court, to be used by the City of Norwalk, Department of Public Safety.

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